

The City of Warwick  
Docket of the City Council  
Regular Business Meeting  
For  
January 4, 2016  
@  
Council Chambers  
Warwick City Hall  
3275 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
@ 7:00 P.M.

Donna Travis, President

**Roll Call:** 9/0 Steven Colantuono, Thomas Chadronet, Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Joseph Solomon, Edgar Ladouceur, Donna Travis, Kathleen Usler, Joseph Gallucci, Steven Merolla

**Time:** 7:14 PM

**Salute To The Flag:** Councilman Gallucci

**Executive Communications**

**General Communications –**

1. Ward 6 Council President Travis - Wishes everyone a Happy New Year...and thanks Councilman Gallucci for stepping up to the plate during her time of injury.

Motion -Ward 1 – Councilman Colantuono – Motion to Suspend Rules to allow Chief Armstrong to speak

Action: Suspend Rules

All in favor 9/0 VV

Chief Armstrong will be retiring this month after 35 years of service and 4 ½ years as Chief of the best Department in the Country. It has been an honor, privilege and pleasure to serve this City. He will turn over duties on January 24, 2016 to newly appointed Chief James McLaughlin and Assistant Chief David Moss. In closing he thanks Mayor for the opportunity to serve as Chief and to City Council that he has had the privilege of working with for last 10 years. He moved Council Solomon during flood by way of backhoe He is very proud of new Fire Station 10 which Councilman Merolla now calls the Armstrong Arena, and of all his firefighters. He thanks each and every one of the firefighters and Local 2748 Executive Board for their professionalism and support. Chief Armstrong would like to thank his wife and daughter for their support during his tenure and this tough decision.

Ward 6 – Councilwoman Travis – I have to say it's with sad heart, that she has to say, she hates to see him leave and will surely miss him and wishes him good luck in whatever Chief Armstrong choses to do.

2. Ward 1 – Councilman Colantuono - Thanks Chief for everything he has done for him and ever member of his Ward. Chief has always been very accessible and he thanks Chief's wife and daughter for their support of Chief. Chief has done an outstanding job and Councilman thanks him for his leadership and wishes him best of luck in whatever he does.

3. Ward 3 – Councilwoman Vella- Wilkinson - Wanted to add her comments, wishing Chief well and congratulates him for his years of service. She always appreciated Chief's honesty. He has always given straight facts. When the micro-burst hit on 08-04 she appreciated the contact from the Chief. Between Chief and Kenny Picozzi she was able to keep her constitute informed. Thanks him for his exemplified service. Wishes Chief fair winds and following seas.

4. Ward 9 – Councilman Merolla - I too want to thank Chief and to say the nice thing about Chief is whether he agreed or disagreed they have been able to move on. He says to new Chief and all Dept. Heads it is not easy for Council members to question them. Try and make life better for everyone, in particular with Station 10 since 2004 and sat on many committees and kept at it. Although Chief Armstrong did a great job for Warwick he has to careful when he drive thru East Greenwich since they lost income and it was a windfall for City of Warwick. He appreciates all the help that he gave Ward 9 with the development of Station 10. The new sign Armstrong Arena will be up shortly and is a testament to Chief Armstrong's hard work.

5. Ward 4 – Councilman Solomon: Short and sweet - Chief Armstrong I grade you an A for the 10 years you have come before council, you have done a great job for the City and the department, and he hopes new Chief can do as well.
6. Ward 5 – Councilman Ladouceur - Chief I also would like wish you well and farewell, luck in your retirement. Your communications have been very helpful. Good luck Chief.
7. Ward 7 – Councilwoman Usler - Wants to say congratulations and good luck on your retirement. She thanks him for making her feel a part of the team. Always explained everything and she wishes him the best for his retirement.
8. Ward 8 – Councilman Gallucci - We go way back 35 years and he appreciates all you have done for the City, yourself and your family. Congratulations and much happiness in your retirement.
9. Ward 2- Councilman Chadronet - Congratulates Chief for a job well done. Because of your leadership with the Warwick Fire Department the City has been a safe place to live.
10. Ward 6 Council President Travis - Chief gave updates right up to this week. Always in touch with her and she hopes that this continues with new Chief. Again good luck with everything you do.

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

1. December 14, 2015

Moved by: Colantuono  
 Seconded by: Usler, Vella-Wilkinson  
 Vote: 9/0 VV

**ACCEPTED**

**1. Announcement of Appointments –**

**Planning Board**

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Jeffrey G. Robert<br>4 Vera Street<br>Warwick, RI 02886<br>Vice: Laura A. Pisaturo | Ward 7<br>Expires January 1, 2020 |
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**Board of Public Safety**

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Leslie Walaska-Baxter<br>254 Randall Avenue<br>Warwick, RI 02889<br>Re-appointment | Ward 5<br>Expires January 1, 2019 |
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**2. Appointments Requiring Confirmation –**

**Zoning Board of Review**

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Paul Wyrstek<br>99 Brownlee Boulevard<br>Warwick, RI 02886<br>Re-appointment | Ward 7<br>Expires January 1, 2021 |
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Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler

Action: Favorable  
 Moved by: Usler  
 Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Vella-Wilkinson  
 Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

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| 2. Mark P. McKenney<br>22 Eleventh Avenue<br>Warwick, RI 02886<br>Re-appointment | Ward 6<br>Expires January 1, 2021 |
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Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler

Action: Favorable  
 Moved by: Usler  
 Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Chadronet, Colantuono  
 Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

### **Wildlife and Conservation Committee**

1. Raymond Meunier  
243 Hillard Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Re-appointment  
Ward 7  
Expires January 1, 2019

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Usler, Colantuono, Chadronet  
Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

2. Carl Bergden  
116 Benbridge Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02888  
Re-appointment  
Ward 2  
Expires January 1, 2019

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Chadronet  
Seconded by: Colantuono, Ladouceur, Gallucci  
Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

### **Tree Warden**

1. Daniel Conley  
185 Whipple Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02889  
Re-appointment  
Ward 5  
Expires January 1, 2017

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Ladouceur  
Seconded by: Gallucci, Chadronet, Colantuono  
Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

### **Historic Cemeteries Commission**

1. Michelle Place Gleason  
77 Old Forge Road  
Warwick, RI 02818  
Re-appointment  
Ward 9  
Expires January 1, 2019

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Colantuono, Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson, Gallucci  
Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

### **Board of Canvassers**

1. Susan Abramson  
22 Beachwood Drive  
Warwick, RI 02818  
Re-appointment  
Ward 9  
Expires January 1, 2022

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler  
Action: Favorable  
Moved by: Merolla  
Seconded by: Ladouceur, Colantuono  
Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

**Sewer Authority**

1. Gary C. Jarvis  
33 Black Creek Lane  
Warwick, RI 02888  
Re-appointment – Minority Appointment
- Ward 1  
Expires January 1, 2021

Committee Report: Appointments: Favorable, Usler

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson, Ladouceur, Chadronet,  
Gallucci

Vote: 9/0

**ACCEPTED**

**3. Consent Calendar –**

**1. PCR-1-16-Resolution Relative to Bids**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Colantuono, Gallucci

**ADOPTED R-16-1**

Council requests MIS director to appear 1/20/2016. Chief of Staff Picozzi will have him appear.

**2. PCR-2-16 Resolution Relative to Claims**

(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable with recommendation to hold one claim,  
Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Gallucci

Seconded by: Colantuono

**ADOPTED R-16-2**

**3. PCR-3-16 Resolution Relative to Abatements**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

NONE

**4. PCR-4-16 Resolution Relative to Traffic Studies**

(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Gallucci

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Colantuono

**ADOPTED R-16-4**

**5. PCR-5-16 Resolution Relative to Street Lights**

(Councilman Gallucci)

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Gallucci

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Colantuono

**ADOPTED R-16-5**

**6. PCR-6-16 Resolution Relative to Congratulations and Condolences**

(Councilman Colantuono)

Committee Report: Community Affairs: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Ladouceur, Gallucci, Chadronet

**ADOPTED R-16-6**

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **PCO-16-15 An Ordinance regarding military time for Warwick Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Employees**

(Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

### **Second Passage**

Committee Report: Finance: Favorable, Vella-Wilkinson

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Vella-Wilkinson

Seconded by: Chadronet, Colantuono

Vote: 7/0/2 Travis, Merolla abstain

### **ADOPTED O-16-1**

2. **PCO-10-15 Acceptance of Tax Payment a/o date of Post Mark**

(Councilman Merolla)

### **First Passage**

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Hold to 2/1/2016

3. **PCO-14-15 An Ordinance for a report on the available funds in the budget to be made to the Council at the last Council meeting in April.**

(Councilman Ladouceur)

### **First Passage - Not Drafted – Move to Pending File per Council Rule 30**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Move to pending at request of sponsor, Gallucci  
**MOVED TO PENDING FILE**

4. **PCO-18-15 Neighborhood Improvement Program- An Ordinance that will make Landlords responsible for the costs to pick up debris left on the street by tenants.** (Councilman Ladouceur)

### **First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Hold to 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor

5. **PCO-25-15 License Consolidation for Arts & Crafts Event Vendors**

(Councilman Solomon)

### **First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Hold to 2/1/2016

6. **PCR-150-15 A Resolution Requesting the Warwick School Committee, The School Department Personnel Director and the Mayor to appear before the Warwick City Council November 23, 2015** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Hold to 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor

7. **PCR-162-15 A Resolution in regards to rescinding the contract of Solar Flair (Solarize Rhode Island, PCR-137-15) because they are not registered/licensed in the State of Rhode Island to conduct business.**

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Hold to 2/1/2016 at request of sponsor

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **PCO-1-16 An Ordinance Relative to Illicit Discharges to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

### **First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: Hold to 2/1/2016 at request of sponsor

2. **PCO-2-16 An Ordinance Relative to Soil Erosion, Sediment Control, and Post-Construction Storm Water Control** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian)

**First Passage – Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Ordinance: **Hold to 2/1/16 at request of sponsor**

3. **PCO-3-16 An Ordinance in Regards to Restricted Parking on Ogden Avenue** (Councilman Ladouceur)

**First Passage**

Committee Report: Public Safety: Favorable, Gallucci

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Gallucci, Chadronet

Vote: 9/0

**TO SECOND PASSAGE 2/1/2016**

4. **PCR-7-16 School Committee request for documents related to the Ragosta Report** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson, Council President Travis, Councilwoman Usler)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Ladouceur

Seconded by: Chadronet, Vella-Wilkinson

Vote: 7/2 Merolla, Solomon

**ADOPTED R-16-7**

5. **PCR-8-16 A Resolution Relative to Authorize the Mayor to Apply for a Preserve America Designation for the City of Warwick** (Councilman Colantuono on behalf of Mayor Avedisian, Council President Travis)

Committee Report: Intergovernmental: Favorable, Colantuono

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Colantuono

Seconded by: Vella-Wilkinson

Vote: 9/0

**ADOPTED R-16-8**

6. **PCR-9-16 A Resolution Requesting a Comprehensive Audit be Conducted in Preparation for the FY2017 Budget Hearings** (Councilwoman Vella-Wilkinson)

**Not Drafted**

Committee Report: Finance: **Hold to 1/20/2016 at request of sponsor**

**FOR REFERRAL AND ADVERTISING**

none

**Unanimous Consent for January 4, 2016**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gallucci

**Vote:** 9/0

**Time:** 8:27 PM

**Next available numbers:** **PCR-10-16**  
**PCO-4-16**

**DOCKET SESSION**

**Councilman Solomon:**

1. Ordinance – Dishonorable Service Ordinance  
Ordinance Committee **PCO-4-16**
2. Ordinance – Corporate Certificate of Good Standing – Amendment – Purchasing  
Finance Committee **PCO-6-16**

**Councilwoman Usler**

1. Resolution – A Forensic Audit  
Finance Committee **PCR-10-16**
2. Ordinance – Council/Mayor Term Limits  
Ordinance Committee **PCO-5-16**

Attest,

Judy Wild  
City Clerk